

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Spring 2006

Notes from the Director

The start of a new year begins the cycle of planning and implementing ways in which we can better serve our community in the coming year. Having just returned from my second year at the Guadalajara Book Fair, I am energized from networking with other librarians throughout the United States. We have purchased Spanish materials in DVD, audiobook, and graphic novel format; plus adult fiction and children's books.

I wish to extend special thanks to the Friends of the Library for their \$3,000 contribution towards the purchase of these materials. I am grateful to the Board and staff for their support and advice in developing both the Spanish and English language collection of materials, computer technology, and programming for this library.

New programs this year will include computer classes available to the public. We plan to show movies at the library and add more of the newer DVDs to our collection. Updates and improvements to the building will continue and a second book drop on Randall Road will be added.

We are planning more outreach programs within our district at public events; plus the creation of a business community newsletter and a library services survey are in the works.

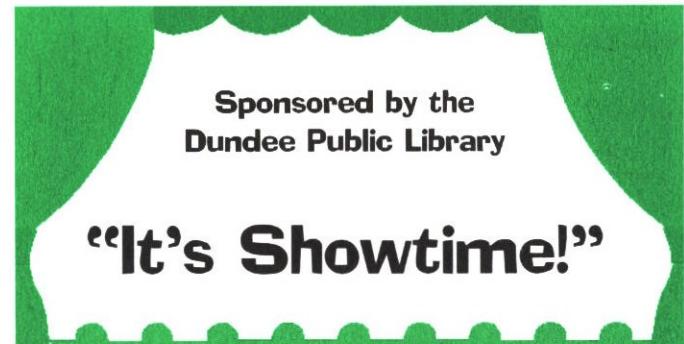
As always, we will continue to seek additional funding sources to finance improvements and additions to our services.

We invite your comments and suggestions. Some of our best improvements have come as a result of our patrons using the suggestion box located on the display case opposite the Circulation counter. Suggestions can also be made on our web page which keeps our community informed with daily listings of library events.

Elisa F. Topper, Library Director



**Change Your World
@Your Library**
**Stop In and Celebrate
National Library Week,
April 2-8, 2006**



On Thursday, April 20, Dundee Public Library cardholders are invited to attend the premiere of **"It's Showtime!"**, a film series that will be offered each month.

With the purchase of a Movie Public Performance Site License, the library will now be able to show major entertainment and educational films.

Our first movie, the award-winning film **March of the Penguins** (G rating) will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room, lower level. Bring the family—an adult must accompany any child under the age of 9.

Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade as you watch this compelling adventure of the annual journey of Emperor penguins marching -- single file -- to their traditional breeding ground.

Tickets are limited, so pick them up beginning Apr. 1 at the Information Desk.

Meet a Celebrity!

And to kick off this event, come dressed as your favorite celebrity of screen or stage and win a prize!

Everyone (including children) who comes in costume will receive a prize; a grand prize will be awarded to one celebrity look-alike who's name will be drawn from a raffle of participants.

All events will be held in the library's lower level meeting room. Doors open with a **Celebrity Welcome** at 6 p.m., and the movie, **March of the Penguins**, begins at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a fun event!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Register in the Children's Department or call (847) 428-3661, ext. 210.

Baby Play Group (for infants and toddlers)
Let your baby play with toys and books while you socialize with other parents. No registration required.

Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10-11 a.m.

Lap Sit (for 18-30 month-olds)
Join us for 20 fun-packed minutes of puppets, stories, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays. Child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Jan. 23.

Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Colonial Tea with Felicity (3rd grade and up)
Dress up if you wish, and enjoy stories, refreshments, games, and crafts. Registration begins Feb. 6.

Monday, Feb. 20, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Tremendous Twos

Bring your two-year-old to this special storytime. Child must be two by March 1 and be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration begins Feb. 13.

Wednesdays, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Read to a Dog (6-10 years old)
Read aloud to Noble, the Therapy Dog, and owner/trainer Nina Pregont. Parents may reserve one 15-minute session per child. Registration begins Feb. 6.

Saturday, Mar. 25, and Wednesday, Mar. 29, from 10-11 a.m.



Kite Class

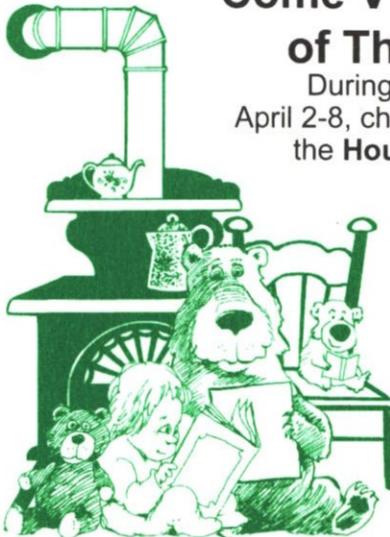
(for grades 4-8)

Why not use your spring break to make a Scott sled kite! Registration begins Mar. 13.
Tuesday Mar. 28, or Wednesday, Mar. 29 at 2 p.m.

Storytime

Stories, finger plays, puppetry, and songs for preschoolers. Child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays during April at 10:30 a.m.



Come Visit Our House of The Three Bears

During National Library Week, April 2-8, children are invited to visit the **House of the Three Bears** specially created in our Children's Department. Children who visit the tiny house will be encouraged to write or draw a review of a book that was "just right" for them. Reviews will then be displayed in the Children's Department.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS, ages 13-16, are needed to help with our Children's Summer Reading Program. Stop by the Children's Desk for an application, or call (847) 428-3661, ext. 210, for more information.

For Young Adults (ages 13-18)

Join other teens to read a poem, sing a song, show off your talent, play a game, or just sit back, listen and enjoy the treats.



Wednesdays, February 1, March 1, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room, lower level of the library.

Programs en Español Adultos Grupo de Lectores

Libros que leemos y discutimos son de superación personal. Si tiene mas preguntas o quiere información sobre los libros que se discutirán favor de llamar a Juana a (847) 428-1328.

7 p.m. miércoles, 22 de febrero, 29 de marzo y 26 de abril.



Computer Training

The following classes are offered for Dundee Public Library cardholders age 16 and older. Registration is required. Classes last one hour and will use the library's own laptop computers. Classes are limited, so call (847) 428-3661, ext. 208, to register now.

Internet Basics

Learn the fundamentals of how to navigate and search on the Internet. Some mouse and typing skills are required.

Tuesday, Mar. 28 at 7 p.m.

Basic Word I

Learn the basics of word processing: opening, saving a document, editing text and font usage. Requires mouse and typing skills.

Monday, Apr. 10 at 7 p.m.



ADULT & YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Register at the Information Desk or call (847) 428-3661, ext. 208.



The Underground Railroad

Join us for an observance of Black History Month (February) as noted author Glennette Tilly Turner explores the local connections to the Underground Railroad, an escape route traveled by slaves who risked their lives for freedom. Her books, *The Underground Railroad in Illinois* and *Running for Our Lives* make specific references to Dundee's historic involvement in the efforts.

Monday, Feb. 20 (President's Day) at 7 p.m.

The Music of Banna

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this Irish vocal duo of Mary Barrett and Paul Wood as they transport you to places both majestic and magical. Banna will perform lyrical ballads, rollicking Irish sing-alongs as well as American pop rock.

Tuesday, Mar. 14 at 7 p.m.

Herbs for Gardens and Kitchens

Growing herbs offers healthy ways to introduce new flavors into your diet, new fragrances into your home and add color to your garden. Join a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois Kane County Extension Service as she shows how to select the right herbs for different uses—kitchen, garden, aroma or color. She'll also discuss collecting, drying and storing techniques.

Monday, Apr. 3 at 7 p.m.



Tax Help Available Through April 13

Tax help is available for those 55 or older

through AARP-trained volunteer counselors. You must have an appointment to take advantage of this service which will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursdays, Feb. 2 through Apr. 13 in the library. To make an appointment call (847) 428-3661, ext. 208. Bring a copy of your tax return from the previous year to the appointment. The service is also available for the homebound. Tax forms are now available at the library's Information Desk.

Adult Book

Discussion Group

Come to our Wednesday afternoon (at 1:30 p.m.) or evening (at 7 p.m.) adult discussion group where you will have a lively discussion of the current month's book. Books are available at the Circulation Desk at least three weeks before the group meets.

Feb. 22

The Art of Happiness, by Dalai Lama XIV

Mar. 29

My Sister's Keeper, by Jodi Picoult

Apr. 26

Night, by Elie Wiesel

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sundays, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m.
The meeting is open to the public.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

DIRECTOR

Elisa F. Topper

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS—Spring, 2006

Friday, Apr. 14, Library Holiday
(library closes at noon)

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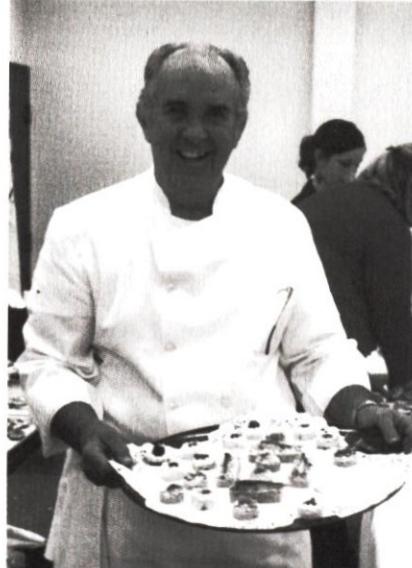
- **Craig Martin, Big Timber Graphics**, for the use of his storefront as the stage for the library's Living Window performance during Dickens in Dundee on Dec. 2.
- Dundee Library's **Employee of the Month**, Audrey Jozwiak, November; Kurt Beecher, December; Jason Katsion, January.
- **Artists** from Studio 2909 (group show), November; Ryan Prosser, December; and Mary Dahlberg, January. Belated thanks to Linda Podraza and Liz Hervas, artists exhibiting during September.
- Children's Department **display case exhibitors** Amanda Della'Aringa, Logan Goskowicz, Olivia Meyer and Adam Swanson.
- **Culver's of Carpentersville** for donating custard and for hosting an ongoing storytime at their store. The next one will be held on Thursday, Mar. 2, 2006, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.



Give Someone A Special Valentine's Day Gift!

On Saturday, Feb. 4, stop by the library for a very special **Romance Book Sale** sponsored by the Friends of the Dundee Public Library.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., browse through hundreds of books written by authors noted for their stories of love, romance and passion such as Danielle Steel, Nora Roberts and Jennifer Crusie. Fannie May Valentine's Day chocolates will also be on sale.



If You Missed Him...

Chef Lou Buchenot, at left, presented his popular "Holiday Hors d'oeuvres" to capacity crowds on Dec. 15 and again on Dec. 20.

If you missed these programs, you may download some of the recipes he prepared from our website at www.dundeelibrary.info.